



Free The Land

A Chronology of Ecological
Struggle in Philadelphia

2020 - 2024

designed and written in lenapehoking
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I've compiled this chronology to inspire, excite, and seduce anyone interested in freeing the land, decolonizing, undomesticating. If you recognize your own desires in these pages I encourage you to wander into the night...

It's important to me that rebels can express themselves with their own words, for that reason I have included communiques for claimed actions alongside a timeline. I have also included letter writing events as a reminder of the importance of supporting those imprisoned as part of the struggle. Rallies, discussions, and other events are included to provide a more wholistic view of the ecology of revolt rather than a one-sided view that erases everything but overt attacks. Claimed actions are not included in the timeline.

TIMELINE

february 21 2020 - screening of short films about the unist'ot'en camp and the shut down canada movement against pipelines on indigenous land

april 2020 - red belly autonomous garden re-opens after being destroyed by developers

may 19 2020 - letter writing night for anarchist eco-saboteur marius mason

july 26 2020 - group discussion of the text land and freedom by seaweed

january 26 2021- letter writing night for anarchist eco-saboteur marius mason

february 5 2021 - philly green anti-capitalist front hangs a banner and paints stencils

march 31 2021 - letter writing night for imprisoned animal and eco activist fran thompson

june 28 2021 - letter writing night for imprisoned indigenous land defender fidencio aldama perez

may 31 2022 - letter writing night for imprisoned eco-saboteur jessica reznicek

june 10 and 24 2022 - a screening of "resist climate inaction" followed by discussion

july 1 2022 - defend the atlanta forest info night and movie screening takes place at the grays ferry skate park

august 21 2022 - banners are hung in fdr meadows in solidarity with the struggle against cop city in atlanta

august 24 2022 - a stand of pine trees are spiked and marked in fdr park

august 24 2022 - six pieces of equipment are sabotaged at the fdr meadows

september 28 2022 - speakers from atlanta give a presentation on the stop cop city struggle at fdr meadows

january 9 2022 - "animal people" a documentary about the animal liberation front, is screened followed by discussion as part of a weekend of solidarity with stop cop city

january 12 2022 - "fuck a cellicon valley" zine is released

online

December 17 2022 - a banner reading “solidarity with forest defenders (A)” is hung up

january 2023 - graffiti in solidarity with the movement to defend the atlanta forest, memorializing tortuguita, against cell icon valley, and for decolonization is seen around philly

february 2 2023 - letter writing to imprisoned forest defenders in atlanta

february 9 2023 - “if a tree falls” a documentary about the repression of the ELF is screened and discussed

february 19 2023 - “fuck a cellicon valley” zine launch and social

february 2023 - “terrorism until we win” posters in solidarity with atlanta forest defenders up in west philly

february 21 2023 - demonstration at the offices of greenberg traurig, a funder of the atlanta police foundation. atlanta police foundation is responsible for building cop city

february 2023 - graffiti against cop city and cellicon valley in south west philly

february 24 2023 - a rally is held to support land defenders in atlanta

march 2023 - graffiti in solidarity with the stop cop city movement up in south west philly

april 11 2023 - letter writing event for imprisoned forest defenders in atlanta

august 10 2023 - call to struggle around bartram’s and against the proposal for cellicon valley

september 11 2023 - running down the walls fundraiser benefits in part go to forest defenders in atlanta

september 30 2023 - day-long skillshare and block cop city speaking event

october 13 2023 - forest defense movie night

october 10 2023 - weelaunee worldwide mass action speaking tour stops in philly

january 30 2024 - banners condemning blackrock — for funding the zionist entity and damaging the environment — hung over schuylkill expressway

february 18 2024 - letter writing event for imprisoned forest defender jack mazurek

march 28 2024 - demonstration outside day and zimmermann corp — a munitions provider — by extinction rebellion and montco for palestine

april 29 2024 - letter writing night for imprisoned eco-anarchist marius mason

Communiqués and Responsibility Claims

Anti-Gentrification Action

January 10, 2020

I went to the site of a development project that intends to turn a half a block of vacant land into condos. Still in their early stages, I noticed they had recently begun the process of sectioning off the site for what I assumed to be marking the layout/foundation for building. They had installed a series of rebar posts in the ground connected by strings, so I cut all the strings and removed all of the posts from the ground (minus 2 stubborn ones). The beams were pretty heavy so I threw them in a nearby dumpster buried under trash. Hope they're mad when they realize all the work they did was for nothing.

Rail Sabotage in Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en and Land Defenders

February 24, 2020

This week we used copper wire to disrupt rail traffic on two different tracks here in occupied Lenapehoking. Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en nation, and all those blockading and sabotaging the economy and the state.

They are trying to extinguish our spirits. Keep a strong heart. Keep your heart burning bright. Reconciliation is dead, insurgency is alive!

Anarchist Group 'Bristling Badger Brigade' Burns Cell Tower

May 1, 2020

Another May Day, another cell tower set alight. A small act in the earliest hours, but an escalation beyond the norm. And we never want to return to 'normalcy.' We don't know the

difference between 4G and 5G. All we know is we want none of it.

The tower's proximity to a train yard, a major pharmaceutical company's office, and other military/mercenary enterprises in the Philadelphia Navy Yard was intended to interfere with their operations, however small the impact. It should also be a reminder that no one is untouchable if you have the appropriate determination. And this particular act was quite easy. The first flame was a warm hug for the comrade Badger, allegedly on the run after a series of similar incidents in Bristol. Stay free!

The ensuing smoke a signal to the comrades undergoing the Scripta Manent persecution in Italy... we stand with you!

For freedom,
for anarchy!

Bristling Badger Brigade

rail interference

December 10, 2020

We halted freight train traffic on two different sets of tracks in Philly using the copper wire method to send a false signal. Solidarity with first nations people continuing to oppose colonial destruction of this continent and the rest of the earth. Solidarity with those facing prosecution for similar actions.

Banks Attacked in Solidarity with Atlanta Forest Defenders

March 28, 2022

This month we sabotaged card slots of Wells Fargo and Bank Of America in Center City, Philadelphia. This attack was done in solidarity and complicity with those disrupting the construction of a police training grounds in Atlanta. Cops in Atlanta want to cut down a forest to build a mock city to practice squashing uprisings. In response, individuals are occupying, protesting, and sabotaging. People have started

staying in the forest and fucking with the construction. The Atlanta Police Foundation is being funded by Wells Fargo and Bank Of America. We are excited to hear about construction workers being chased out and construction vehicles being messed up.

As proponents of self-directed revolt we decided to target the banks contributing to building the cop city. We hope that by communicating our action others feel encouraged or inspired to attack and disrupt the social order in their own context. While it would be preferable if the police project in Atlanta collapsed, for us destruction is an end in itself. We take pleasure in disrupting capital.

Our sabotage involved collecting plastic cards, which we cut into thirds. The purpose of this was to prevent the cards from easily being removed. Before going out we wiped down the pieces with gloves on and dressed anonymously. We inserted the pieces into atm and door card readers after putting a strip of super glue onto them. One benefit of this action is that it fucks up the machine without making a lot of noise or seeming out of place. We feel this is relevant to point out because the cop city is an example of the police preparing for mass unrest and we feel it is strategic to be able to act discreetly in light of increasing policing and surveillance.

Fuck cops

Fuck banks and money

Solidarity and complicity with the feral anarchists in Atlanta

Death to civilization

Long live anarchy

Chaos forever

Graffiti in Solidarity with Welaunee Forest Defenders From the Meadows of Lenapehoking (South Philly) for the Week of Action!

August 2, 2022

Graffiti in Solidarity with Welaunee Forest Defenders from the Meadows of Lenapehoking (South Philly) for the Week of Action that reads "From Welaunee Forest to the Meadows

Defend Mother Earth Without Compromise!”

As our Friends and Comrades are fighting against the “Cop City” that is proposed to destroy the Welaunee Forest in Atlanta, We are connected in struggle here in the Lenni-Lenape meadows of so called “FDR” Park in South Philly. Over 100+ Acres of Meadows that that has rewilded is under threat of development by “astro-turf” sports fields and yuppie tourist shops. A large coalition of over 20+ groups and many autonomous people are resisting and will fight to defend the Meadows without compromise. The whole planet is under attack by colonial capitalist developers and the state and we are on the verge of runaway climate change! We need a global eco-revolution for our collective survival before it’s too late! So Destroy capitalism and the state! WHEREVER YOU ARE REVOLT FOR MOTHER EARTH!

Cobbs Creek Golf Course machines sabotaged

September 6, 2022

Early last week we sabotaged four pieces of heavy machinery that are being used to develop the Cobbs Creek golf course. The machines were right next to a main road, so we used some quieter methods, using epoxy to glue their locks and putting sand in their fuel tanks. The Cobbs Creek Foundation and A.M. Logging have already destroyed over 100 acres of forest in the area.

We wanted to contribute to the recent wave of attacks against ecological destruction, gentrification, and colonization across the country, and encourage people to help defend green spaces wherever they live. Shoutout to whoever sabotaged the machines that were about to destroy the meadows at FDR to build whatever it is they’re building there. There doesn’t need to be a bigger campaign going on for us to take matters into our own hands and try to stop some of the destruction that surrounds us.

Graffiti on Fairmount Park Conservancy Signs

September 10, 2022

A few months ago Fairmount Park Conservancy put up 3 4-sided plastic structures along the trail parallel to MLK BLVD. The signs advertise the park with a website, twitter, QR and IG, and feature a list of shows/activities people can get involved with. Prior to this there were no obvious signs along the trail specifying what the space “was”, who it was being maintained by or what it was for.

Early Friday morning we wrote anti-development, anti-colonization and FDR meadows solidarity graffiti on the structures. We also covered up the QR codes and some of the social media handles. Beyond the message in the graffiti we hope the paint ruins the signs.

These signs, the cutting of trees in Cobbs Creek, the development in FDR Park are all forms of domesticating the land and those who move across it. Domestication runs counter to how we want to relate to spaces, ourselves and each other. We want to live wild lives beyond the control of any authority and for that we need wild spaces.

The development and domestication of wild spaces makes them less hospitable to wildlife, plant life, people wandering and living outside and anyone who wants to enjoy a space in autonomous, unorganized and illegal ways.

We dislike the Fairmount Park Conservancy because we’re not interested in conserving spaces, freezing in time spaces that would otherwise grow and change. Despite their name, the conservancy has a clear objective of designating spaces for certain kinds of activities, for certain kinds of people, in a topdown manner. The clearest example of this is their contribution to the destruction of the FDR meadows.

Development and domestication are inseparable from issues of race, colonization, gentrification and class. Check out <https://edgeeffects.net/green-gentrification/> for a way these things interact in spaces outside of residential neighborhoods. Solidarity with the saboteurs at FDR, Cobbs Creek, the Atlanta Forest and everyone trying to widen the cracks!

Toleration Statue Defaced on Columbus Day

October 12, 2022

On Columbus day, in the early morning we vandalized a colonizer statue on the Wissahickon trail. Phrases included: Decolonize, Land and Freedom, No Borders, No Nations, No More USA, (A)

We also covered the colonizer's face, hands, and scroll in red paint.

Fighting colonization is a way to nurture a less hierarchical relation with the land and those that live on it.

Solidarity Action Communique

November 5, 2022

On the night of November 5th, a small group of Anti-colonial Anarchist settlers in Lenapehoking blockaded a chokepoint of a high frequency railway in Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en resisting drilling in the Wedzin Kwa and all those resisting colonial capitalist development and infrastructure all across Turtle Island and the World!

It was a very simple and easily replicable action using commonly found blockade materials that were near the tracks already.

We hope to inspire many more and frequent railway blockades as an effective action to disrupt colonial and ecocidal infrastructure all across Turtle Island and Globally.

Shut down Canada, Colonialism, and Capitalism everywhere!

Vigil and Stroll for Tortuguita

January 21, 2023

On Saturday 1/21 there was a vigil for Tortuguita Manuel Teran. A group of about 40 adults and children placed candles and homemade signs by the turtle in Clark Park.

People spontaneously made speeches about Tortuguita's death. The speeches touched on people's experience of them, grief, martyrdom, and continuing to struggle. People called on each other to target cop city's sponsors and the contractors responsible for building.

After people had been speaking for a while a small group broke off from the vigil. They took the street with banners. Barricades from a nearby construction site were pulled into the street to block cops and traffic. As the march moved graffiti memorializing Tortuguita and against police was tagged. A realty office had its windows smashed.

The rowdy vigil is the first time things have popped off from Clark Park in a while. A few years ago Clark Park was a regular spot for mid sized black bloc demos to start from. We think that this is worthwhile to revisit because it's a traditionally anarchist neighborhood and there are lots of alleys nearby to easily change in. It's exciting to see this kind of energy re-emerge in Philly.

Even though Philly is far from Atlanta, Tortuguita's death has been deeply felt here. We are angry. We are watching. We are acting. Cop city will never be built.

RIP Tortuguita

Neither innocent nor guilty

Neither terrorists nor protesters

Simply anarchists!

A warm embrace to those arrested in Atlanta, Seattle and everywhere else

Death to civilization

ISO Fence4Fence

February 8, 2023

with valentine's approaching, i need a date – will you show your interest? i always make the first move – so take the broken fences at bartrams north as your cue. half is done – now do your part and we can kiss under the FUCK CELLICON VALLEY graffiti down the road. NO BORDERS. NO FENCES. our desire fuels an end to all development.
your secret admirer-

Norfolk Southern Rail Sabotage

March 1, 2023

In solidarity with the struggle against the police, entertain-

ment and real estate industry in the Welanuee forest, the mainline belonging to the Norfolk Southern company in Lenape territory north of so called Philadelphia was sabotaged. Copper wire was used to connect the tracks, tripping the signal and potentially stopping train traffic until the wire is located. This action is incredible easy and simple to repeat. NS funds the Atlanta police foundation, and is also responsible for the large spill of toxic chemicals in East Palestine, Ohio. The spill of vinyl chloride is toxic when it leaks into the ground and air, but don't forget that this chemical is being used in large scale production of everyday industrial products. Large shipping companies like NS are the circulatory system of industrial colonialism. NS is responsible for massive ecological and social devastation through disasters like the recent derailment but they do even more damage when they function with out derailments. So many destructive companies can not function with out NS and other shipping and logistics companies. How would the massive mono cultures of industrial agriculture move their soy and corn to processing plants and slaughter houses? How would Loggers transport lumber to and from mills? How would oil and other chemicals move from extraction to the industry that so readily consume them? How would Amazon get shipping containers from cargo ships to distribution centers with out NS, and the other rail roads?

Perhaps NS funds cop city because they understand both how crucial they are in building a dead world and exactly how vulnerable they are.

With love for Tort, and infinite hostility for cops who killed them.

Sabotage at Bartrams North

March 19, 2023

On a warm late winter night we went on a walk to one of our favorite post industrial wildernesses and discovered that it was being assaulted by monsters of steel and rubber. Disgusted, we returned with bleach, poured it into the tanks of a

machine, stole a box of tools, and vanished into the night.
We send solidarity and complicity to the forest defenders in
Atlanta behind bars and among the trees
RIP to Tortuguita
Fuck a Cellicon Valley
-Tortuguita Revenge Gang

Fuck Cellicon Valley Graffiti!

April 12 2023

Some graffiti against the Cellicon Valley development for those Sexy Elves and Fairies out there in the Sex Forest. Let's make the space more fun and cute while we defend the land. ;) Fuck Cellicon Valley! Developers and Gentrifiers Get The Fuck Out!

Earth Destroying Machine Sabotaged At Bartrams

June 1 2023

On June 1, under the moonlight, some feral gnomes poured grit into the lubrication system of an earth destroying machine – paralyzing it before it kills more of the post-industrial wild habitat in Bartram's. The goal of this earth destroyer, and the developers in power of it, is to raze the land, killing and displacing all of the wild and free life from the area in order to make way for a Biotec Campus who markets a sanitized version of life. That life includes the torture of nonhumans and displacement of humans and nonhumans alike for it's concrete pathways and steel buildings.

We will oppose every destroyer, every tool of power and development that seeks to capture, kill, torture, and displace all our lives. The feral land, trees, nonhuman and human animals will not be bulldozed with ease.

Solidarity Graffiti

June 9 2023

Some graffiti in Solidarity with Weelaunee forest defenders in Atlanta was spotted in Philly. It reads "Avenge Atl Forest!"

– Love to all the anti-capitalist vandals out there! Keep it up!
Defend the forest everywhere!

Report from Anti-Gentrification Action At Bartram's Garden

June 10 2023

A couple weeks ago, a friend sent me a flyer for a “work” party at Bartram’s Garden. Anarchists have been agitating around stopping gentrification of that area for a while after that zine came out...I forgot the name. Generally, one of the cooler things about anarchists in Philly is that we have a pretty long history of actually fighting gentrification through sabotage as opposed to just complaining about it on a megaphone. The flyer advised us to mask up, bring tools, that phones were bad and to bring trusted friends. It also advised for folks to keep off the internet and big threads. I was excited to have been sent a flyer for an action that seemed a bit more devious especially since all the leftist stuff going on in the city is very uninteresting to me. Yelling at buildings is very boring and doesn’t seem like a good way to adequately address gentrification in my view. As a Black radical, it is pretty disappointing that most of the Black organizations in the city are uninterested in attacking in ways that actually combat gentrification, materially.

Anyway, I sent the flyer to a few homies. Some were able to make it. Some weren’t. Anyway, myself and a comrade rolled down there a lil after the time it was supposed to start. We scoped it out. We weren’t sure exactly where everyone was meeting but after hearing cutting sounds, we went over. The action was pretty cool. People were just cutting this big ass fence that the developers had set up in Bartrams. Everyone was kinda just doing their own thing. My homie and I didn’t bring adequate tools to cut so we ended up just carrying the fencing and throwing some of it into the river along with other attendees. The action was very chill and it was good to see a few familiar faces. We both had some shit to do early the next day so we peaced out a bit early after leaving a few

tags. There wasn't really much else to do though other than cut the fence...and I wish the action maybe had another goal or something. Despite this, it was pretty cool.

Either way, actions like this are cool because they are pretty low level and a good entry point for people that are interested in learning how to be more confident in doing attack with their own hands as opposed to asking some politician for help. I hope that this energy can continue into the summer. I'd love to get invited to more night demos or work parties. And I'd definitely bring my friends.

I guess I'm sorta a movement oriented person (which puts me at odds with a lot of insurrectos in the city) so I just wonder how a more aboveground anti-gentrification movement could interface with these more underground attacks in Philly. Is that something worth pursuing? What would it materially look like? I'd like to see attacks grow and I wonder how much of that means trying to interface and impose our will on the more leftist anti-gentrification forces in the city. Despite this, most of them are pretty liberal and against violence but maybe there are some openings. Who knows? It was refreshing though to take part in something that wasn't liberal. I've love to get more invitations in the future.

More anarchy

More destruction

Fuck the Gentry

-a new afrikan anarchist in Philly

Cameras painted at Bartram's

August 29 2023

Last week a work party painted over all the new cameras at the entrance to Bartram's North. (A)

Two Excavators Attacked at North Bartrams

October 27 2023

We attacked two excavators that were demolishing the street dept warehouse in north bartrams. When we arrived we were delighted to realize that someone had already damaged the

machines! In addition to smashing the machines, we poured quick-setting concrete into the exhaust pipe of a machine. We choose this method because of its simplicity and ease. The other machine we used various techniques that can be found in warriorup.noblogs.org. Good luck finding what we did!

Security Cams Down at Philly Bash Back!

May 2 2024

Dear philly faggots,

Thxx so much for the great time this weekend! While we were visiting we saw those cameras on the power lines by Bartram North and decided to take a few down with some girth tails and a 4lb hammer. A big ladder would also have worked. Sorry we didn't get them all, but we'll get the rest next time!

Until then,
shapeshifters

Communiques and information to make this timeline were found online at phlanticap.noblogs.org and scenes.noblogs.org

FROM
WELAUVIEE
FOREST (E)
TO THE MEADOWS
DEFEAT
MOTHER
EARTH (A)
WITHOUT (A)
COMPROMISE